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### Poultry and Products

## H5N1 outbreak in Sungei Buloh 2007

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**Report Highlights:**

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About 2,000 birds within the 1 km radius of the affected area will be destroyed. Ducks from a nearby farm, owned by the Department of Veterinary Services, will also be culled. As of this morning, DVS informs us that 1,539 birds have been culled and DVS expects to complete the culling by tomorrow, June 8<sup>th</sup>. DVS has banned movement of poultry in and out of the affected zone and roadblocks have been set up to enforce the quarantine. DVS compensates farmers for the culled and dead poultry and compensation rates are adequate to encourage compliance.

Samples were tested in the regional laboratory in Petaling Jaya and the Veterinary Research Institute in Ipoh. The origin of the H5N1 strain has not yet been identified.

Press reports indicate the Ministry of Health will step up surveillance although no illness has been reported. DVS is also stepping up its surveillance nationwide. In the meantime, Singapore has suspended imports of poultry from Selangor State. The impact of the suspension is not significant since exports from Selangor constitute only 6% for poultry and 1% for eggs of the total exports of poultry and eggs from Malaysia to Singapore.

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